



Great Lakes Sea Grant Fisheries Leadership Institute

INFORMATION FOR MICHIGAN PARTICIPANTS

THE GLFLI PURPOSE OR VISION:

The purpose behind the GLFLI is to provide emerging citizen fishery leaders with the knowledge and skills to effectively interact with Great Lakes fishery management organizations for the benefit of the fishery and its stakeholders. We envision this Institute as an on-going certificate program whose graduates will be widely respected and sought after as advisors on Great Lakes fishery related issues.

The Institute was developed with the cooperation of multiple partners. They include the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Geological Survey, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, state departments of natural resources and environmental protection agencies, and other key individuals. These partners with the Great Lakes Sea Grant programs will help plan and teach the Institute, select participants, provide written materials and facilities, and review the course curriculum.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GLFLI?

The concept behind the Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute is to provide in-depth training to the 'next generation' of leaders - those who are new leaders to their fisheries related organizations, those likely to become leaders of their organizations within the next few years, and those likely to be serving as advisors to Great Lakes fishery related institutions (e.g., Great Lakes Fishery Commission or statewide lake committees). For this program, we are looking for participants who are emerging leaders or likely to become leaders within the next few years - those who express interest and potential as future fisheries leaders, a willingness to work with opposing viewpoints, and commitment to a lengthy and intense learning program and experience.

Participants will be selected to represent a variety of organization 'types' – environmental NGOs, commercial fishermen, charter captains, tribes, sportfishing associations, visitor bureaus, science writers, legislators, legislative aides, etc. This mix of participants will help participants in the Institute to deepen their understanding of the multiple perspectives and stakeholders involved in any Great Lakes fishery management decision.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE MICHIGAN GLFLI TRAINING SESSIONS?

All Michigan participants **Must Attend All** Institute sessions including:

- 1) One Michigan, Statewide Session
Lansing, MI - October 21-22, 2003
- 2) ALL Lakewide Sessions for ONE of any of the Great Lakes
 - Lake Huron #1 - Hammond Bay, MI - September 26-27, 2003
 - Lake Huron #2 - Port Huron, MI - November 7-8, 2003
 - Lake Michigan #1 - Manitowoc, WI October 3-5, 2003
 - Lake Erie #1 - Erie, PA - October 3-4, 2003
 - Lake Superior #1 - Ashland, WI - January 11-12, 2004

HOW THE GLFLI TRAINING WORKS:

The GLFLI will expose participants to several training sessions throughout each of the Great Lakes states and focused around each of the individual lakes. Throughout their learning journey, participants will be exposed to a multitude of valuable resources, curriculum modules, and instructors representing agency, university, and non-profit biologists, researchers, and policy staff.

Participants, upon selection to the program, are expected to attend several learning sessions throughout the year, including: (a) all Michigan sessions and (b) all Lake sessions (for one particular lake of their choosing). Lake meetings will focus on lake specific ecology, issues, and management structures specific to each lake, and the state level meeting will allow participants to meet state-level officials (managers and legislators), and focus training on state-specific regulations and discuss state-specific issues. Each participant will experience learning opportunities at both levels.

Modeled after the Master Gardener program, the GLFLI will be both rigorous but rewarding. These future leaders must be willing to make a major commitment of time (~ 40 training hours, possible out-of-state travel, significant homework assignments, service project), energy, and enthusiasm toward their own learning and growth experience.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GREAT LAKES FISHERIES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:

The goal of the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute is to provide the next generation of fisheries leaders in the Great Lakes region with the skills that they will need to effectively interact with fisheries management agencies and provide real leadership to the region as well as to their own organizations. Objectives include:

1. Develop stakeholders from each Great Lakes state as Great Lakes Fishery Leaders - a cohort of leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide effective leadership on fisheries management issues,
2. Create a network of Great Lakes leaders from the broadest possible variety of backgrounds and organizations who are able to call upon each other to effectively address and/or advocate regional needs
3. Empower these fishery leaders to influence policy decisions and legislative initiatives
4. Maximize the effective life of citizen volunteers by condensing the learning curve,
5. Minimize frustration of both Great Lakes fisheries management agencies and those citizen leaders and who do not understand the complexities of Great Lakes fishery-related institutional arrangements, history and science.
6. Multiply the ability of Great Lakes Sea Grant Extension to reach constituent audiences using a 'teach-the-teacher' model.

COSTS FOR GLFLI PARTICIPANTS:

Funding for the Institute was provided by the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network, the National Sea Grant College Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Thanks to these funding supporters many of the program costs for GLFLI participants will be covered, allowing for a quality leadership training program to take place at a reasonable cost to the participant.

Additional program costs to participants, will include a registration cost of \$175.00 (payable to the Michigan Sea Grant Program) and an expectation that participants are responsible for their own travel costs (mileage, etc.) to GLFLI meetings and events. Once at the GLFLI training sessions, funding support for the GLFLI will cover the costs of all other training expenses, curriculum and resource materials, as well as food and lodging during their participation in the GLFLI Program. Additional nights of lodging desired by participants (outside of the scheduled program) are not covered by the GLFLI, and are should also be considered as additional expenses to participants. As a supporter and recruiter, we would also welcome your support in identifying sponsorship or scholarship opportunities from other organizations who might cover registration and/or travel expenses for individuals wishing to invest in the future of the Great Lakes fisheries through their participation in the GLFLI program.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION OR INVOLVED:

Brandon Schroeder will be coordinating the Michigan GLFLI sessions, and forwarding more information regarding the Institute as available. Please contact Brandon with any questions and/or to let him know how you

might be willing to help in supporting our efforts toward a quality Institute. All nominations and applications should be directed to Brandon no later than June 15, 2003, and he will also be able to provide you with additional application packages should they be needed. He can be reached at:

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Information regarding the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute can also be found online at:

<http://www.greatlakesseagrant.org/leadership.html>